

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-44 are cancelled.

45. (New) An attachment device for supporting a sprinkler head connected to conduit, which supplies fire suppression fluid to the sprinkler head, the attachment device comprising:

a housing defining an internal volume within which the sprinkler head is received, the housing having an open face and an aperture through which the conduit extends to operatively connect to the sprinkler head; and

a removable cover which covers the open face of the housing, the cover having an opening sized and configured to receive the sprinkler head.

46. (New) The attachment device of claim 45 further comprising an elbow joint connected between the sprinkler head and flexible conduit, the elbow joint attached to the housing.

47. (New) A method for supporting a sprinkler head of the type connected to conduit, which supplies fire suppression fluid to the sprinkler head, the method comprising:

providing a housing defining an internal volume, the housing having an aperture through which the conduit extends to operatively connect to the sprinkler head and an open face;
attaching the housing to a rigid support member;
attaching the conduit to the sprinkler head;
securing the sprinkler head within the housing; and

positioning a removable cover over the open face of the housing, the cover having an opening sized and configured to receive the sprinkler head.

48. (New) The method of claim 47 further comprising:
connecting an elbow joint between the sprinkler head and flexible conduit; and
attaching the elbow joint to the housing.